

SEC. 11. That said company may begin the construction of said road at any point on the line of location, according to their discretion, and that for any portion of said road actually constructed the said company shall be entitled to all the privileges of this act into and over such part so constructed.

Location and construction.

SEC. 12. That said company shall issue certificates of stock to its members and said stock may be transferred in such manner and form as may be directed by the by-laws of the company.

Certificates of stock.

SEC. 13. That whenever any person is hereafter convicted of a misdemeanor or any petty offence by any of the courts of this State and as a punishment thereof is to be imprisoned in the county jail of any county east of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad it shall be lawful for the commissioners of such county to turn over said prisoners to the president of the said road during the whole term of their imprisonment, and all persons now confined in any of said jails for having committed a misdemeanor or petty offence, who have been convicted of the same, shall be turned over to said president as aforesaid and the said prisoners shall be fed and clothed and cared for as other prisoners are at the expense of said railroad company.

Certain convicts may be turned over to Railroad President.

SEC. 14. If any person or convict who may be turned over under the provisions of this act shall escape from his overseers or employers it shall be lawful for the sheriff or constable of any county in this State to capture and return such person or convict to the said railroad company from whom he escaped. All the labor done by an escaped person or convict shall be forfeited to his employer.

Escape of convicts.

SEC. 15. That the said directors of said railroad may and they are hereby authorized to employ such guard as may be necessary in their discretion to guard the said prisoners or convicts while employed by the said railroad company.

Guards.

SEC. 16. That this act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 19th day of March, A. D. 1875.